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AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please insert on Page 1 as the first sentence of the application the following:

- - This application is the National Phase filing of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/00092, filed January 9, 2003. - -

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendment by substituting for line 1 of page 172 as follows:

-- We Claim: --

WHAT WE CLAIMED ARE: